

September 27, 2000

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee, the Chair of the Regional Council Transportation Subcommittee and the State Transportation Board

FROM: Mayor Skip Rimsza, Phoenix, Chairman

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Thursday, October 5, 2000 - 11:30 a.m.
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

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A joint meeting of the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee, the Chair of the Regional Council Transportation Subcommittee and the State Transportation Board has been scheduled for the time and place noted above. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss our mutual roles and responsibilities, and improvements to our respective planning and programming processes and how we can work together for additional statewide transportation funding. Lunch will be served. If you have any questions, please contact me at 602-262-7111 or James M. Bourey, MAG Executive Director, at 602-254-6300.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

1. Call to Order
2. Long Range Transportation Plans

The Arizona Department of Transportation has begun the process to do a long range State Transportation Plan. This has been a collaborative process with the regional planning agencies throughout Arizona. MAG has also embarked on a totally new Regional Transportation Plan. The MAG planning process is being conducted in cooperation with the Arizona Department of

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Transportation. It is important that these two planning efforts are integrated for this planning area to jointly agree on future transportation investments for this region. A status report on both planning efforts will be provided.

3. Revenue Needs, Sources and Timing

With both ADOT and MAG updating their long range transportation plans, transportation needs and revenue shortfalls will be identified. The MAG planning effort anticipates that an interim product of the Regional Transportation Plan will be to identify key projects that could be considered for an election in the Fall of 2002. In previous meetings, it has been suggested that additional revenue equivalent to a one-half cent sales tax could be considered on a statewide basis. The source of this revenue could be either a sales tax, increasing the gas tax or a combination of these sources. To be successful, it is important that efforts to raise revenue be coordinated on a statewide basis. A discussion of revenue needs, sources and timing will be requested.

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